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SUBJECT: NEGOTIATIONS WITH IAHRC

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1. I BRIEFING BRIG. GEN. BORAD ON SUBSTANCE OF MY CONVERSATION WITH IAHRC SECRETARY EDUMNDO VARGAS CARREN EMPHASIZING THAT IAHRC WAS MOST WILLING TO REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH GOU. WHILE IAHRC REPORT ON URUGUAY WAS NOW ON RECORDS, IAHRC RECOGNIZED THAT IT LACKED ON-SITE AUTHENTICITY. FURTHER, IAHRC COULD SERVE THE PURPOSE OF THE GOU PUBLICIZING ANY IMPROVEMENTS IN PERFORMANCE WHICH, BECAUSE OF URUGUAYAN SELF-IMPOSED ISOLATION, WERE NOT WIDELY KNOWN. I NOTED THAT INFORMAL TAKS COULD BEGIN IMMEDIATELY LEADING PERHAPS TO MORE FORMAL DISCUSSIONS PRIOR TO THE OASGA WHEN IAHRC WOULD MEET AS A STANDING COMMISSION.

2. BORAD LISTENED ATTENTIVELY, BUT THE TONE OF HIS REMARKS REVEALED A CLEAR DROP IN ENTHUSIASM FOR PURSUING THE TALKS WITH THE IAHRC FROM THAT DURING OUR DISCUSSION REPORTED REFTEL. BORAD SAID IT WAS PROBABLY BEST TO "WAIT A WHILE".

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3. IT WAS CLEAR THAT HE HAD NO ENTHUSIASM IN PURSUING THE SUBJECT. HE THANKED ME FOR OUR EFFORTS BUT SAID NOTHING WHICH WOULD GIVE THE SLIGHTEST EVIDENCE THAT THE GOU WILL TAKE ANY FURTHER INITIATIVES IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE TO CONTINUE A DIALOGUE WITH THE IAHRC. THE IAHRC REPORT PROBABLY MAKES IT POLITICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR MODERATES LIKE BORAD TO

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DO SO AT THIS TIME.

4. I WOULD RECOMMEND AGAINST VOLUNTEERING THIS INFOR-
MATION TO VARGAS CARREN. SHOULD HE INQUIRE AS TO THE
INTEREST EXPRESSED BY THE GOU IN PURSUING A DIALOGUE,
WE THEN SHOULD INFORM HIM THAT GOU INTEREST APPEARS TO HAVE
WANED --AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING.
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